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RAILS EXPECTED TO SLUMP SLIGHTLY THEN HOLD FIRM UNDER WAR MEASURE

Question of Moment is How Railroad Stocks Will Be Affected By Commandeering Order W hich Went Into Effect Friday

(By TICK R. TAPE)

Honolulu investors who followed the tip given in these columns some weeks ago when the railroad situation was discussed at length are now wearing a smile that is almost a mile wide as a result of the rise in railroad stocks resterday on the New York market following the commandeering of the continental roads by the United States government as a war measure. Early in November it was predicted by financial experts that there were only two courses of action for the United States government and that no matter whether the government allowed the Interstate Commerce commission to raise the freight rates or took over the railroads the stocks would rise. During the past eight weeks considerable Honolulu money has found its way into railroad stocks on the mainland and the local investors are now reaping the reward of their timely plunging.

its height and the confident investors railroads stipulating that all governare preparing to hold their stocks ment transportation be carried free until the market strikes new high and be given priority over other levels, it is timely to warn traders in traffic. The management of each stocks that the financial experts have road was allowed to continue in office summed up the future situation of but was supervised by an executive railroad stocks as follows, the rails committee answerable to the governwill shortly slump a little and then ment. The result was that stocks boid firm. Great booms in railroad dropped and so did railway bonds. stock cannot be expected when the The turn came a year after the war government intends to pay only a had been going on and then stocks fixed income, for with a fixed income rallied and held up fairly well during there can be no melos cutting and 1916, dropping again this year. Now payment of huge dividends. That they are on the up-grade again but must be borne in mind for the future moving languidly. certain things which President Wilson free. Of course those railways who proposes to do are carried out.

A War Measure. As a war measure the continental government however, evidently inrailroads of United States were com- tends to have priority for its traffic. mandeered by the government at noon Friday, December 28, 1918. The reaand problems.

be further guaranteed, the president promises, that the net income from

ins." At the outbreak of the war the of freight carried will be lowered.

And now while the excitement is at government "took possession" of all

market so far as railroads are con- So far there has been no intimation cerned. But after the little slump in the United States that railroads the rails should hold firmly, that is, if must carry all government traffic got their right of way in land grants under this express stipulation. The

Efficiency Increased The effect of government superson given is because it is necessary vision of operation in England has to insure the prompt transportation been beneficial in these respects that of troops and supplies. The manage the service has been made efficient; ment is to remain in the hands of the labor troubles wiped out, the the present officials of each road but will be controlled from Washington increased and the operating expense half a dollar on the Honolulu Stock and Bond Explains the manufacture of the Problems of the labor troubles wiped out, the Engels Copper stock jumped almost half a dollar on the Honolulu Stock and Bond Explains the manufacture of the manufacture of the labor troubles wiped out, the stock jumped almost half a dollar on the Honolulu Stock increased and the operating expense by Secretary of the Treasury William decreased. If the government super. and Bond Exchange this morning, go-G. McAdoo, who, by the way, built vision in the United States has the ing up from a flat \$4 yesterday in the New York tubes and hence will same effect, and there is no reason \$4.40 bid and \$4.45 asked, 97 shares know a little of railroad difficulties why it should not have the same of selling at \$4.40 on the session and 350 fect, the result should be a strength- between boards at \$4.45. No reason ening of stocks of some roads which is attributed for the rise except the The coordination of effort of the have been hardest hit by the increased glowing reports brought back by John WASHINGTON. Food crops gener railroads will have one effect if no overhead expenses. Roads which dur. L. Fieming, who visited the mine while ally, with the exception of wheat, esother and that will be more economing the three years up till June 30, on the mainland. Montana-Bingham tablished records in production this ical operation. More economical op- 1917, have made big money, will fare tumbled a cent this morning, and year, and their value, estimated at eration will mean a decrease in oper- well under the government plan, but though 2000 shares were sold at 37 \$21,000,000, far exceeds that of other ating expenses. Another thing gov. such roads as have been spending cents between board 500 shares on; years. Cotton, however, caught by an ernment supervision will prevent fur money freely for improvements and brought 36 cents on the session, and early frost, suffered a loss of approxther labor troubles. So far, so good extensions during those three years the bid price sank to 35 cents. Madera imately a million bales from early es-President Wilson promises to go be- and recorded small earnings will un- traded at 31 cents as usual, fore Congress and ask for the definite doubtedly suffer. The value of many Holding firm at \$4.871/2, Olaa stock Lateness of planting, because of dry guarantees that al' properties of the second grade railroad bonds should continued to be the sugar attraction weather and the early frosts, curtailed railroads will be maintained in good be enhanced. On the whole it would on the exchange this morning, and production of many crops. repair and the equipment kept up com- appear that the railroads will be while the trading was light there was | Final estimates, announced by the pletely as they are when the fines benefited by the measure, but to what considerable bidding at \$4.75. Be- Department of Agriculture, show the

Further Possibilities. during the three years prior to June improved rolling stock and material, \$16 being bid and \$16.75 being asked, value, also a record, is \$4,053,672,000. the financial situation of each con- with no sales. Ten Waialna sold at cern so far as dividend paying is not \$23 and 25 Oahu Railway and Land Co. The railroad earnings in 1914 were expected to be improved. If the war at \$145. not very good, in 1915 they were fair continues the government may be and 1816 was a busy year. Thus the forced to new measures such as prun happy medium will be a fair average. ing down the earnings to be paid to With the government in control if railroad companies or demanding that will probably mean backing for new all government traffic be given priorissues of railroad securities with its and carried free as in England,

HAM MARKET SLUMPS BUT NEW YEAR IS EXPECTED TO SEE RISE

With the year 1917 on its last lap | lent fluctuations nevertheless the the New York stock market, with the spending of money for war supplies exception of rails, during the past few will have a rood effect on the indusweeks has shown another decline and trial stocks. reasons attributed to the slump are Another point to be remarked is many. However, the general trend that declines have been so drastic in present. In other respects he finds of opinion from many sources appears some of the industrial stocks that they these accounts correct. to be that the upward trend is near, are now below their actual value and industrials though lower showed their cannot help but rise. Irrespective of stability by holding much firmer than immediate fluctuation in the market,

and the United States government will such as Bethlehem Steel, General spend next year in buying war material Electric, International Harvester, Mextrial stocks. This effect will prin- ern Union, Westinghouse and others or ally of enemy," as employed in the Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co. at cipally be felt in those industries will undoubtedly show substantia; which are incident to preparations for profits besides bringing in good rewar. While prices are regulated and turns whether there is peace or war. no exerbitant profits can cause vio- The following table gives a list of

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W. C. Wilder, master, has filed in 061,423,000. which the roads can be placed in which would result in a cut in the circuit court a report recommending first class shape to handle the in- earning power of the roads and a con- the approval of the thirty-second an- grown, with a total of 442,536,000 sequent slump in stock prices. And nual accounts of the trustees of the bushels, valued at \$543,865,000. other point to be remembered is that Bishop estate. The trustees charge Before going farther into the sub- ordinary passenger carrying will be themselves with \$390,257,23 and ask to which establishes records, are rye, ject it might be advisable to look at cut down considerably and if the ship be allowed \$378,317.58. In this in sweet potatoes, beans, onions, cabwhat happened to "Our English Cous- ment of luxuries is barred, the amount stance their commissions amount to bage and tobacco. Figures for these \$14,006.21. The estate is valued at and other crops follow: \$4,179,906.10.

Mr Wilder also recommended the approval of the twenty-second annual accounts of the trustees of the C. R. Bishop estate. The trustees charge themselves with \$83,629.21 and ask to be allowed \$58,699.58. The estate is valued at \$800,636.41.

As regards the partial thirty-second annual accounts of the Bishop estate trustees, the master is of the opinion that commissions in the sum of \$2815.78, asked for the 1 2-3 months covered, cannot be charged under the revised laws, 1915. He recommends that this item be disallowed for the

Some misapprehension seems to exist relative to the status under the CALIFORNIA-HAWAIIAN zens or subjects of Germany or its allies resident in this country, says the Official Bulletin. Such persons are with in any other manner whatsoever. I employes now in service.



AFFIX ONLY \$500 WAR-SAVINGS CERTIFICATE STAMP SERIES OF 1918

No. 1-(Left) United States War Savings Certificate-This certificate

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five years' time. No. 3-The United States Thrift Card on the inside of which are sixteen blank spaces to be filled by thrift stamps costing 25 cents each. When all spaces are filled the card will have a total of \$4 in stamps and presented next month together with 12 cents extra is exc. anged for a war savings

timates.

pass into government control. It will extent it is hard to predict at present. tween boards 15 Olaa changed hands, corn crop to have been damaged to while on the session 155 were sold. the extent of about 32,000,000 bushels While the railroads themselves may Five Oahu shares passed at the steady by frosts; nevertheless, corn producthe lines will be for each what the be in the end in better condition so price of \$30.75. Honolulu Frewing and tion establishes a record this year, average operating net income has been far as more economical operating and Malting Co. stock wavered slightly, with 3,159,494,000 bushels, while its

> The wheat crop shows a decrease of about 9,000,000 bushels from previous forecasts. This year's crop is estimated at 650,828,000 bushels and its value at \$848.372,000.

Oats is a record crop, with 1,587,-286,000 bushels and a value of \$1. The potato crop is the largest ever

Other crops, the production

Barley, 208,975,000 bushels. Rye, 60,145,000 bushels. Buckwheat, 17,460,000 bushels. Flaxseed, 8,473,000 bushels. Rice, 36,278,000 bushels. Sweet potatoes, 87,141,000 buskels. Hay, tame, 79,528,000 tons. Hay, wild, 15,402,000 tons. Tobacco, 1,196,451,000 pounds. Sugar beets, 6,237,000 tons. Beans, 15,701,000 bushels. Kaffirs, 75,866,000 bushels. Onions, 13,554,000 bushels. Cabbage, 502,700 tons. Hops, 27,778,000 pounds. Cranberries, 245,000 barrels Apples, 58,203,000 barrels. Peaches, 45,066,000 bushels. Pears, 13,281,000 bushels. Oranges, 12,832,000 boxes.

HAS 170 IN SERVICE

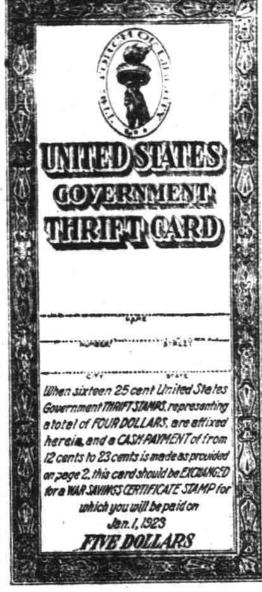
MARTINEZ.-Within a few days not included within the terms "enemy the service flag of the California and act. Deposits in the postal savings Crockett will be displayed on the side banks of the United States belonging of the big refinery building. The flag to such persons are not liable to be will carry 170 stars and will be ilsecured by the government, and will luminated at night by powerful spotnot therefore be taken by the alien lights. The sugar refinery is mailing property custodian or be interfered Christmas boxes to all of its former

REAL ESTATE SALES AND BUILDING FALL OFF DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

mas week very few pieces of property chase by F. E. Haley of five cottages changed hands, and if it had not been on Fort street, near Kuakini street, for the large number last Saturday and latter the sale by Elsie S. V. Neuthe week's real estate transactions man of the Neuman lot in Manoa val- Henry Waternouse Trust Co. American. would have been low. As it is the 'ley to Hermann Focke. Building was total was only \$30.892.50, although ma- again slow this week with only nine terially helped by two large sales last new structures for an estimated total Saturday, one of \$11,000 and the other of \$16,863 begun, and as was the case Date-

As is always the case during Christ- of \$10,000. The former was the pur-

Date-	No.	Deeds	No.	eek no leases Mortgage		re issued. Bldg. Pmts.
Dec. 22	7	\$23,877.00	3	\$ 8,100.00	2	\$ 2,450.00
Dec. 24	2	525.00	4	5,550.00	. 2	8,862.00
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Dec. 27	1000 418		2	1,650.00	2	3,776.00
Dec. 28	8	6,074.50	2	2,150.00	3	1,775.00
Total	19	\$30,832.50	11	\$17,450.00	9	\$16,863.00



Handulu Stock Exchange

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Hawaii Con. Ry. 7 pc. A. 3% Hawaii Con. Ry. Com... 1/2 Hawalian Electric Co. Honolulu Gas Co., Ltd....... 120 Hon. R. T. & L. Co..... 125 Oahu R. & L. Co...... 150 Pahang Rubber Co. Selama-Dindings, '70 pc.) Tanjeng Olok Rubber Co. BONDS-Beach Walk Imp. Dist... 100 Hamakua Ditch Co, 1.... Hawaii Con. Ry. 5 pc.... 771/2 80

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4.871/2; 10 Waialua, 23; 25 O. R. & L.,

Session Sales: 95, 60 Qtaa, 4.871/2; 5 Oahu, 30.75. Latest sugar quotation: 96 deg. test. 6 cents, or \$120 per ton.

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Montana Bingham Co. .35 Madera Mining Co.... ham, .37; 350 Engels, 4.45; 500 Bing- refiners, Senator Reed asked: ham, .36; 100 Madera, .31; 97 Engels,

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PRUNED PROFITS ANGER SPRECKLES SAYS HOOVER, ANSWERING ATTRCKS

Administrator Declares Refiner is Inimical to Sugar Bureau-Admits Lack of Commodity But Asserts 30 Per Cent of Supply Has Been Sent to France

Claus Spreckels, president of the Fed- the suit will be dismissed." eral Sugar Refining Co before a sen-ate investigating committee, that the such influence with the president? food administration is responsible for Spreckels said he replied. a sugar shortage drew from Food Ad-

min stration cut profits in sugar trans- (Spreckels) answered: acticus.

"It requires no proof from me," said Hoover, "to establish that Spreckels, a leading sugar refiner, is sore such a letter. at the food administration and would like to see it destroyed. I realize that Spreckels' balance sheet will not look request for a letter. so good next year as last, for refinthermore, his balance sheet would Reed have looked better this year if the price of last August had not been reduced and held fast, in the tace of a partial shortage that promised a tioned: fair opportunity for 30 cent sugar and much increased profits.

Has Reason for Anger.

doubt can entertain the public by as- repeat it." saulting the food administration. majority of men and women of our said, "that as we were all under govbusiness community and of our far- ernment control it had been suggested mers are sacrificing their profits daily that possibly the dissolution suit to the nation's necessities without against us might be dismissed. I complaint, for many are sacrificing asked that if such a proposition was more than their money, their sons. made by our competitors, would be

tial sugar shortage, October and No- He said he would think it over." vember, and will also have December before relief from the new crop. The American people have had 500,000 tons of sugar in these two monthsthat is. 70 per cent of their normal are available, they will have 70 per dividend of 3 per cent on Monday. cent in December. Owing to car acute in the northeast, and about 200 ment. Honomu sugar will pay 1% per cars are today blocked from that re- cent per month.

France Supplied by Food Head "This 70 per cent is twice the French ration. In the meantime we have given France a good part of the 30 per cent and are proud of it. This supply to France was given deliberately and the American people were told of it at the time. We have also agreed to withdraw 10,000 tons for our friends in Canada. I have yet to meet an American citizen who would have had it otherwise.

"As to the food administration stopping the sources of supply: The fact that all available supplies have been brought here that ships and care, could bring, and that it has already Hawaii Con. Ry. 6 pc. B. 31/4 been eaten, is sufficient answer.

"Spreckels knows the bitterness of the ten year fights between produc Hawaiian Pineapple Co. . 351/4 36 ers and refiners, between different Hon. Brew. & Malt. Co. . . 16 1834 refiners, and if he looks back over has declared its regular quas refiners, and if he looks back over has declared its regular quality livi-the last three months he will observe dend of 1% per cent on the presence a desire of many of these elements stock, payable January 2 to stock of to use the food administration as a record December 15. club to settle their long standing bit

can be obtained to carry or cars can the common stock in addition to the be obtained to deliver, it will be de customary semi-annual disbarsement livered at once with the same reso of 50 cents a share. lution that we have requisitioned or distributed over 60,000,000 pounds of embargoed sugar since October 1. In clared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a the meantime the 900,000 tons of su- share, payable December 31 to eleck gar in Java is as remote as cheese of record December 11. This leaus Haw. Terr'l 4 pc. Pub 1mp cut of the moon, unless we wish to take bread ships from our own sol basis for some time: diers and the allies to provide ous selves with candy."

Spreckels Protests Additional testimony on causes of

Food Administrator Hoover against against his firm and to the benefit sev. Between Boards: Sales: 10, 5 Olaa, of the American Sugar Refining Co.

Spreckels protested to Hoover that

the price was too high, notwithstanding that he raised Cuban sugar. The Cuban planters protested it was too

When Spreckels testified that the price wholesalers should pay the refiners was fixed by three American embers of the international committee of the food administration having charge of the American supply Sales: 650 Madera, .31; 2000 Bing- and added that three men were sugar "Was the public represented at this

trice fixing meeting?" "No." replied Spreckels.

Before the morning session ended, Spreckels and President Babst of the American Sugar Refining Co. clashed over the anti-trust suit against the

Spreckels said Babst last October discussed with his competitors dissolution of the suit and asked Spreckels to write a letter to President Wilson suggesting that the suit be dropped. Babst declared he had only asked Spreckels if he would join in such a request if other competitors did. Spreckels testified that on about October I Babst came to him and

"We are good now and we have an intimation from the attorney general that if you will write a letter to the

WASHINGTON.-Charges made by president saying we are good, that

"Because you are one of our prinministrator Hoover a vigorous attack cipal competitors," was stated as the answer.

An pen intimation is made by Spreckels stated that Babat said Hoover, that Spreckels' testimony was again that "we are good now and will inspired by the fact that the food ad be in the future," and that he

"I am not willing to take a chance on the future." Spreckels said he declined to write

Babst gave his version of the conversation and said nothing about the

"Wasn't anything said about a leters' profits have been regulated. Fur- ter to the president," asked Senator

Spreckels, sitting a few and from Babst, quickly faced about and ques

"Didn't you ask me to write a letter to President Wilson?" "I did not," said Babst, firmly

"Spreckels, therefore, has reason to Turning to Senator Reed, Spreckels feel badly. There are other citizens declared that "my statement was who will feel the same way and no made under outh and I am willing to

"So was mine." spapped Babst. While many feel badly, still the vast "I explained to Spreckels," Babet "We have had two months of par- join in the request that it be done?

DIVIDENDS

C. Brewer & Co. will pay an extra

Beginning with the January pay-

The Walluku Sugar company will pay I per cent a month dividend beginning January 10.

Commencing January 20: the regular dividend of the Hawaiian Agricultural company will be 2 per cent a month.

2 per cent on the stock of the Illinois Central railroad leased lines will be paid January 2 to holders of record December 11. The regular quarterly dividend of

14 per cent on the stock of the New

York, Lackawanna & Western Rail-

The regular semiannual dividend of

way will be paid January 2 on stock of record December 11. The American Bank Note co

Directors of the Pacific Mail Steam-"If Spreckels will tell us where ship Company have declared an there is any sugar today that ships extra dividend of \$3.50 per share on

> The Kennecott Corporation has dehas been on a \$6 a share per annum

Directors of the Prairie Oil and Gas company have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share, in addition to the the sugar shortage in the East was regular quarterly disbursement of \$3. Manoa Imp. Dist. 51/2 pc 100/4 given by Spreckels before the senate Both dividends are payable January 31 to stock of record December 31.

International Petroleum company Oahu Sugar Co., 6 pc including refiners on the international declared an initial dividend of all committee, created by the food admin- cents a share and elected G. H. Smith istration to purchase all raw sugars as president, to succeed W. H. Teagle. for refiners. Spreckels declared that who was recently elected president of San Carlos Milling Co. actions of the committee worked the Standard Oil Company of New Jer-

The state department had a hand The Anglo-American Oil company, in fixing the price of \$4.60 for raw the British subsidiary of the Standard sugar f. o. b. Cuba, but to what ex. Oil, has declared an interim dividend tent was not brought out, for diplo of three shillings per share, free from matic reasons, Curtis H. Lindley, at income tax and payable January 15, A torney for the food administration, dividend of two shillings per share was declared a year ago,



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